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A SNOW PICTURE.

The snow! Th' unpitying, ceaseless snow!
The whole night through, the whole day long,
It fell and drifted downward,—fell
On poor men's hearts and starving widows' souls!
And ever, ever yet, it falls and drifts
O'er town and field, o'er hill and valley, till all
Is covered deep with its white purity,—
Till even it doth seem as if the Lord,
Had cast the mantle of his pity
O'er all the world, with all its crime
And sin and stain!

The trees are bleak and bare, with searching arms
Uplifted to the sky in mute appeal
Against the weary burden, white and cold,
Upon them. Deep hid rests the earth
Beneath a pure, white coverlid, and all
The country-road lies half-impassable,
Beneath a dull and leaden sky,
Across whose dreary, dismal face,
The countless snow-flakes, like a swarm
Of white bees, ever downward sail
In silent showers.

—ALEXANDER N. DE MENIL, *in St. Louis Magazine.*

GRANDMAMMA.

I.

It is many years ago
Since she led
On a tiny tapered toe,
With a tread
Like a whisper, in the dances;
She's the sweetest of romances—
She's the darling of my fancies,
Though she's dead.

II.

Grandpapa was very slim—
Wore a wig
When she courtesied to him
In the jig;
She was modest, prim and pretty,
He was wealthy, wise and witty,
And he joggled through the city
In a gig.

III.

Sixty summers side by side
Did they go,
Then the feeble father died,
And the snow
Streaked the curls that used to tangle
At a captivating angle
By her cheeks, before the bangle
Caught the beau.

IV.

And they say she used to sit
All day through
With her Bible reading it
Till she grew
Very old; then came the tragic
End of life's unraveled magic,
For her epitaph no adjec-
Tive will do.

V.

All that I remember now
Is the quaint
Gold rimmed glasses on her brow
In the paint
Where some portrait-painter caught her
And a most devoted daughter—
Mother—she who always thought her
Just a saint.

—*Puck.*

THE GIRL'S CHOICE.

BY OPIE P. READ.

Judge Wallman, one of the best known justices occupying the United States circuit bench, after listening to a party of lawyers, the other day, lighted his pipe, leaned back in an easy chair and said:

"Gentlemen, your stories of courtship and marriage are quite interesting and romantic, but I believe that it is reserved for me to tell you of a love affair which, I am inclined to think, will teach you that the commonplace marriage of every day life is not worthy of a place in our most prosaic novels or even our spirited conversation. Quite a number of years ago, just after the war, I was appointed judge of a southern circuit. I attended very strictly to the discharge of my duty, and although very fond of ladies' society, yet in my rounds I met very few representatives of the fair sex who in the least impressed me. One day, during an overflow, I crossed the river about twenty-five miles away from my regular beat, and the stream was so swollen that by the time I had landed, the sun had gone down and darkness had spread itself over the face of the earth, so far as I could discern, and the bosom of the water. I did not find a road when I landed, and I made enquiry of the ferryman who, in effect, declared that he had never made geography a study and that I must take care of myself. Of course I intended to abide by the extremity of such advice, and after thanking my 'water-side character' for information which, to say the least, was self-apparent, I turned, I knew not where, and began a solitary journey through the woods. I had not gone far when I came upon a large log house, surrounded by a well-kept fence and almost covered by a thick growth of wild vines. I was assailed at the gate by an army of dogs. Their fury brought out an old man who drove them away and in a voice of touching kindness asked me what I wanted. I explained my misfortunes attendant upon high water; that I was a federal judge endeavoring to reach an appointment. He very cordially invited me into the house."

"A jedge ur a constable is welcome at my house at sich a time as this," he said, throwing more wood on the fire. "I've been cotch out myself and I know what it is. So you are a jedge?"

"Yes, I am a judge, holding the office under the United States government."

"That means you ain't a State jedge?"

"Yes."

"Wall, it don't make no difference. I wouldn't help a State jedge no quicker than I would you. Myra, see ef thar's anything to eat in the house."

"I looked up and the girl to whom he spoke stood near me. She moved away immediately after being addressed, but not so soon that I failed to note the extreme beauty of her face. I saw her wealth of bright, firelight-reflecting hair, her glorious depth of eye, her ruddy fall-of-the-year cheek and raspberry mouth. She seemed to pay no attention to me but obeyed without hesitation. Presently she reappeared and announced that there was something to eat in the house and that it was spread on the table.

"Come," he said, and conducted me to the dining-room. Although I was very hungry, yet I think that my appetite could have been satisfied by allowing my eyes to feast on the beautiful girl who attended the repast. The spare-ribs and backbone and mashed potatoes were excellent, I admit, but that magnificent face which bent above it all, far exceeded any banquet that I had ever seen.

"Myra," said the old man, after we had gone in and taken position before the fire, "hand aroun' the pipes."

The pipes were brought and filled with natural-leaf tobacco. We puffed and puffed and talked and puffed. I told my experience and the old man told his. I had been a captain under Uncle Sam, Jefferson Davis had made him a colonel. The old man had no family except Myra, his daughter. He seemed as devoted to her, and quite as much dependent upon her as Mr. Wickfield was upon Agnes. I had been so much interested in the conversation, and especially with the occasional glances cast at Myra, that I did not think to ask the old man his name until just about the time we were ready to go to bed.

"My name is "Jassmire," he said, "I was wonderin' ef you was ever goin' to ask me, an' hanged ef I'd er told you ef you hadn't. Hope you'll sleep well."

I bade him a cordial good night, and with one more glance at the beautiful girl, I followed the negro boy who appeared with a candle.

I scarcely remember any of the conversation of the next morning. I know that I saw a beautiful face, that I sat down when an elfin little hand drew out a chair, that I heard the music of a sweet voice, and that when I left I looked into a pair of eyes, direct in earnestness. I don't know how I told the old man good-bye. I don't know that I thanked him for his kindness, even after he had refused to accept pay. I don't know how I mounted my horse, whether I climbed on like all awkward judges do, or whether I was lifted into the air by admiration for the girl and sat down on the saddle. The truth is, I don't know anything about it, except that after a while, how long I'll be hanged if I know, I found myself riding along the road, deep in the contemplation of a divinely drawn picture which the very sunlight itself framed and hung before me.

The routine of court duty was very dull after this, and I longed for the time when I could wander back to the log house, which to me, held such enchantment. Previously I had lamented the fact that I had remained so long a bachelor, but now I was glad, because I had found an ideal. I don't know how many sentimental decisions I made during that session of the court, but I don't think that it would shed the light of very much credit on my judicial career if the constitution of the country should arise and demand a statement.

After awhile I went back to that old log house. I found the old man just the same. He welcomed me as though he had never seen me before, but with rapture I noticed that the girl spoke as though she *had* seen me before, and that she was glad to see me again. This time I was determined not to leave so soon, and, the truth is, I lingered several days. I walked by the river with the beautiful creature, and helped her to gather the kindling at night. I roamed with her morning, at night and at noon-tide, and together we chased the rabbit and squirrel, and even the fox, with all of his slyness, didn't always escape our prowess and skill. Not among all the neighbors was there such a "girling," and I, for myself, had never seen one to compare with her beauty, her grace and her voice. When I spoke of my leaving, the old man objected, and even the girl did slightly demur, but I told them that business of pressing importance was claiming attention from the north to the south. But the beautiful girl, with rosy lips pouting, declared in a way that would have paralyzed Paul, that I was so restless and wanted to leave them, because, as she thought, I had found them all dull. I made a brave effort to go without showing the slightest emotion on my part, you know, and when the old man seemed so very anxious that I should remain, I decided that I'd better go and return within a few days. I didn't care to over do it, you understand. Well, I went away, not because I really had any business, but because I did not care to injure my chances, for by this time, you may know, I was dead in love with Myra.

I couldn't remain away but a short time. When I returned they were all glad to see me. Myra, it seemed to me, wanted to kiss me, and I would have kissed her, but I didn't have a good chance. She was more lovely than ever, and when at night we walked out under the stars, I felt that she loved me. I dreamed of her. Her growing acquaintance with books pleased me, for I knew she studied for my sake. The old man, too, seemed changed toward me. He spoke, when we were alone, of family affairs, and told me how glad he was that I had come to visit him. I saw that he knew I was in love with his daughter, and with thankfulness I noted he encouraged my suit. One night after Myra had gone to her room, and while the old man and I sat by the fire, the old fellow removed his gaze from the glowing coals, and looking at me, said:

"Myra is the best girl in the worl'."

"You needn't tell me that," said I, "for I know it."

"Her husban' will be a happy man."

"A glorious man," I assented.

"I hope that you'll not regret the day when you came here."

"I know that I shall never do so. Myra and I understand each other."

"You do?"

"Yes, sir."

"I am glad of it. Myra is slow to speak out and I am glad that you know. Speakin' on the subject might shock her. Well, good night," and he grasped my hand warmly.

That night I could not sleep. I knew that the old man understood my great love for his daughter, and with a thrill I saw that it met with his approval.

Next morning I was determined to ask him for her, so, after breakfast, when he invited me to take a walk with him, I thought that he had divined my intention. Myra, too, seemed to know that something was likely to pass between us, for she shook her fist in a charming way at me when we left the house. I looked back and saw her peeping at me, with such deep fixed love in her glances, that I thought I ought to go back and kiss her, but I turned to the old man and talked to him about his hogs and sheep. I decided to ask him for the girl, and although I knew he would willingly give his consent to our marriage, yet it was a difficult matter. "When I get to that tree," I mused, looking ahead, "I will ask him." Just as we came to the tree he stopped and said:

"You've knowed my darter for some time."

"Yes, sir."

"Not such a long time, it's true, but so long that we almos' look on you as one of the family."

"I am proud to know it."

"Thank you, sir. Well, now, I'll tell you. My darter is goin' to be married next week, an' I want you to be with us."

"To whom?" I gasped.

"To the ferryman down here. She's been engaged to him for a long time."

I said nothing as we returned, but when I found the girl alone I said:

"Don't you know that I love you devotedly?"

"Of course I never knew it, judge."

"But I do, and I want you to be my wife."

"Judge, I can't. I am going to marry Tom Patrall, the ferryman. I know you are a good man and I don't want you to think I won't marry you just because you are a judge. Position makes no difference with me, and if I loved a man I would marry him, even if he was a judge, just as soon as I would a ferryman, and I hope you will understand that position has not influenced this case, for even though you are a judge, I must say that you have ever conducted yourself as a perfect gentleman."

"Why didn't you tell her that you had been a captain in the army?" said one of the listeners.

"I did," replied the judge, "but she said that the ferryman had been a teamster, and that while she would just as lieve marry a captain as a teamster, yet she was compelled to turn to her ferryman lover, and now when I tell my wife of the choice, she says, 'Yes, the girl was right in taking the ferryman.'"—*Arkansaw Traveler.*

Escapes From Edinburgh Castle.

"Edinboro Old Town," by Andrew Lang, is the opening paper in the January *Century*. Pennell's clever sketches supplement finely Mr. Lang's picturesque descriptions. Many romantic stories of the castle are told, among them the following: "If 'sinne' could sink town and tower, Edinburgh would centuries since have been with 'Memphis and Babylon and either Thebes.' In those old times, when a Scotch prince hated a man, he very comonly acted on the maxim, 'If you want a thing well done, do it yourself,' and dirked his foe with his own hand. This was the custom of the Duke of Albany, brother of James III., who slew John of Scougal, and in other ways so conducted himself that, in 1842, he was consigned to prison in the Castle. Thence Albany deemed that he was not likely to come forth alive, especially as his brother Mar had mysteriously vanished—so mysteriously, indeed, that even now the manner of Mar's fate is unknown. Albany's friends sent a small ship to wait in the harbor of Leith, and a hamper of wine easily found admission to Albany's rooms in the Castle. The hamper contained ropes as well as wine, and when Albany had made his keepers drunk with the liquor, had dirked them, and thrown their mail-clad bodies to grill on the fire, he escaped to the ship at Leith by aid of the ropes. But the favorite way of escaping had a bland and child-like simplicity. The captive's wife paid him a visit, the pair exchanged clothes, and the prisoner walked out in the lady's petticoats! This old trick was played in the Castle as often as the 'confidence trick,' in the capitals of modern civilization. Apparently it never missed fire, and we may conclude that in every case the turnkeys were bribed. The only prisoner of note who ever failed was the first Marquis of Argyll, in 1601. The Marchioness came to see him in a sedan chair; he assumed her dress and coif, and stepped into the sedan. But presently he lost heart and stepped out again, though what he was afraid of it is difficult to guess. He could only die once, his execution was certain, and he might as well be shot privately, in the attempt to run away, as be decapitated publicly in the town where the great Montrose, his enemy, was done to death. When the Marquis's son, in his turn, was confined in the Castle, his ready brain conceived the novel idea of escaping, not in the dress of a lady, but in that of the lackey of his daughter-in-law. He let the lady's train drop in the mud, whereon, with the wit and coolness of a daughter of the Lindsays, she switched the dripping silk in his face, crying, "Thou careless loon." Then the soldiers laughed, and Argyll, for that time got clean away."

CAPS of white plush, with flowing plaited fronts, are the most fashionable for children.

ORIGIN OF PAPER CURRENCIES.

It is claimed that the first paper mediums of exchange, in the form of "promises to pay," or representatives of money, were used in China B. C. 2697. These notes were first issued by national authority, but afterwards private corporations were permitted to issue them. They were in form, or rather in general particulars, similar to bank notes, each bearing the name of the bank, the date of issue, the number of the note, the signature of the party issuing it, the sum of money represented in figures and in words. It also contained a pictorial representation of coins equal to its face value, and a clause stating the pains and penalties that would be incurred by those who counterfeited it. These notes were also decorated with exhortations to industry and thrift, such as, "Produce all you can," "Spend with economy," etc. They were printed in blue ink, on paper made from the fibre of the mulberry tree. One issued in 1399 is preserved in the Asiatic musem in St. Petersburg. The first European notes of a similar character issued by the national authority for general circulation, were the notes of the Bank of Venice, which was founded in 1171. It was at first a bank of deposit only, but it soon became a bank of issue also, probably before the termination of the twelfth century. For more than five hundred years its notes commanded a premium of from twenty to thirty per cent. over gold.

Although it is certain that bills of credit issued by individuals were known to the ancient Greeks and Romans, they were by no means of general use in business transactions. However, soon after the issue of notes by the bank of Venice, written bills of exchange were invented and came into general use by the merchants of Europe.

The first great transaction recorded in history in which such bills of exchange were used occurred in 1255. Henry II was indebted to the Pope of Rome to the amount of 150,540 marks, then a very large sum of money. As the Pope was indebted to the merchants of some of the cities of Italy, it was agreed between the above mentioned potentates that those merchants should draw bills for specified amounts on the bishops and abbots of England. By the commands of both Church and State, the latter were compelled to pay them by law.

As previously the currencies of civilized nations were limted to the metals, and as there was consequently and insufficiency everywhere of the mediums of exchange, the addition of such individual bills of credit to them proved so great a relief that in 1382, "By a royal edict, merchants were requested, or rather commanded, to liquidate their foreign debts by using their own bills of exchange for that purpose, whenever practicable."—(Henry's "History of Britain.")

The monetary condition of the civilized world at that time must not be forgotten. Money had previously been limited to the metals, and even then they were not nearly sufficient in quantity to fill the public demand for mediums of exchange. In England and other countries strenuous laws existed, virtually forbidding the exportation of coins. Under these circumstances the issue of bills of exchange by the merchants relieved the famine in the money market, and was doubtless the reason why Richard II. commanded the traders of England to liquidate their foreign debts with their own bills of exchange. What was needed was the issue of paper money by the English monarch in volume sufficient for the use and service of the people; not promises to pay money, but real *bona fide* money, resting on the entire property of that nation. Since that time no advance has been made in Europe on the subject of finance. Nine-tenths of the world's traffic is yet done on the strength of national and individual paper mediums of exchange, that are not money but merely its representatives.

Paper money is an American invention. The colonists of Massachusetts were the first people to make their money of paper. Some of the other original colonies followed suit. Not the least of the difficulties that beset the paths of the European settlers of this continent was that of the need of a reasonable sufficiency of the medium of exchange.

For more than half a century sheep, horses, cattle, and even household goods, were made legal tenders in payment for debts, and as such accepted for taxes, &c., in the treasury of Massachusetts. There is a law extant, passed in the seventeenth century, which forbids officials to receive lean cattle in payment for public dues. The first advance made on this kind of barter currency was the legal endorsement of wampum, the money of the Indians, as a medium of exchange. This was admitted not only by the colonists of Massachusetts, but by those of Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York. Nor let us look upon wampum with scorn, for, as money, it was a superior article to any bank note that ever was issued in Europe, inasmuch as it was not limited to represent, and redeemable solely in the metals. As Professor Sumner admits in his "History of American Currency;" "It was for the Indians, in their limited community, a perfect money."

The first mint in the American colonies was established in Boston in 1652. It was established to coin silver and keep it in circulaiton, but, as it was a breach of the royal prerogative to coin money, its coins—shillings, sixpences and threepences—were pre-dated. It was soon closed by orders from England; but, notwithstanding them, it was again leased, in spite of prohibition by the mother country, in 1675. It may be well to say here that the issue of mediums of exchange by the colonies in any form, metallic or paper, were from first to last opposed by Great Britain, and consequently by the governors of the colonies who were appointed by the British Government. In every way the colonial banks were attacked openly and insiduously, and, as might be expected, generally with success.

Sumner's "History of American Currency" instructs us that

In 1686 (in Massachusetts) a bank was proposed to issue notes. Its history is obscure, and, though it seems to have made issues, they soon disappeared.

In 1690 the first paper money was issued. Seven thousand pounds were issued in notes from 5s. to £5. They were made receivable for taxes, and for goods paid into the treasury for taxes. In 1692 it was ordered that the bills be received at five per cent. advance over coin in the colonial treasury, and the court promised to redeem them in money within twelve months.

This statement respecting the redemption of the above-mentioned bills in money, justifies a doubt whether Mr. Sumner's assertion that they were "paper money" is warranted. It is certain, however, that many, if not a majority of the colonists did authorize the issue of absolute paper money for the use of their peoples.

When the pressure of British authority was removed from the colonies, and they had adjured their allegiance, many of the newly formed States issued similar mediums of exchange.

In the interval between the calling of the first Congress and the ratification of the Constitution in some of the newly formed States, absolute paper money was issued by Congressional authority.

The paper currencies of the colonies, however, were not always money. There were specie banks, loan banks and land banks, whose issues were professedly guaranteed as their names imply, by specie, loans and lands. But, notwithstanding their diverse forms, they were each and all obnoxious to the British government. From the founding of the first mint in Boston in 1652 to the issue of paper money by New York in 1771, every effort the colonists made to supply themselves with mediums of exchange was frowned upon by the home government. In 1688, for the second time, Governor Andros compelled the Boston Mint to be closed, and the instituting of it formed one of the principal charges against Massachusetts for which the charter of that colony was revoked in 1691. Sumner's "American Currency" says:

In 1720 the Royal Instructions forbade the Governor of that colony to sign any acts for emitting bills, and in 1740 the British Parliament declared the old Joint Companies Act (passed after the South Sea Bubble in 1720) to be of force in the colonies. This compelled the banks to wind up.

Minot's "History of Massachusetts" says:

In the year 1748 originated the act for regulating and restraining bills of credit in the colonies, by which no such money was allowed except for the current expenses of the year, and in case of invasion. But in no case was it to be made a legal tender for the payment of debts, on pain of dismission from office of any provincial governor who might assent to it, and a perpetual disability of his again serving in any public emplooment.

British financial tyranny, there is is good reason to believe, was one of the main causes of the American Revolution. Prof. Sumner says:

The Land Bank (which was founded in 1739) was the most prominent factor in the political movements of the next ten years, and even later it turns up from time to time a cause of perplexity to the government and the surviving stockholders.

After its overthrow by British machinations and oppressive edicts, another Land Bank was instituted, which met with a similar treatment from the home government, for we are told.

The Governor (of Massachusetts) made war on this bank with all his energy, as unlawful and pernicious, contrary to the act of Parliament and to his instructions. Finding that some civil and military officers were engaged in it, he removed them. This called forth a protest from Samuel Adams and John Choate as an invasion of personal liberty. There can be no doubt that the bitterness engendered by this conflict was one cause of the revolution.

This view is confirmed by Horace Twells, an eminent English financier of this century, who says:

In an evil hour the British government took away from America its representative money; commanded that no more bills of credit should be issued; that they should cease to be a legal tender, and collected all the taxes in hard silver. This was in 1773. This, the real cause of the disaffection of the American Colonies, is passed over by most historians.

Remembering the knowledge and experience the colonists had of the use of paper money, it may be asked, Why did they not issue it instead of promises to pay money to meet the expenses of the war of the revolution? The answer is obvious. Congress had not the power so to do, at that period in our history. It could not even command; it could only assert that at an undefined time the Contenental currency would be redeemed in coin issued by another nation. Nothing but the staunchest patriotism would have accepted and honored it as a medium of exchange. In addition, at the time it was issued, the new States, just freed from the financial tyranny of Britain, had used their liberty to establish banks of issue, and the country was flooded with their various paper mediums of exchange, of all kinds, so that there was really little room left for the currency issued by Congressional authority. In addition to that, the British government descended to the meanness of stimulating the forging of it in vast quantities which in the then undeveloped state of art and science, was easily accomplished. Under such circumstances, it is no wonder that the currency to which the people not only here, but in Europe, are largely indebted for their present liberties, was, of necessity, in the end repudiated.—*American Sentry.*

THE LONG WINTER EVENINGS.

At this season of the year when the cold weather and long evenings set in, the question arises, what shall be done to make home attractive especially for our young people? Something must be done to counteract outside, evil influences, a question that is too often left unanswered, and as is often the case, not even thought of by parents. And yet it is these same parents who wonder why it is their children go to the bad, never dreaming that they and not the children are to blame. No young man or woman goes deliberately to the bad. The first step is taken in an unguarded, thoughtless moment and ere the victim or friends are aware of it, ruin stares them in the face. The outside world present too many attractive though questionable pleasures for all youth to withstand. Temptations line the pathway of youth like the roses in a garden, but which while bright and pleasing to the eye may contain hidden beneath their bright colors a serpent whose poisonous fangs are ever sharpened to strike the blow that ends in death. One of the simplist and inexpensive methods is to cultivate a love for reading, but this cannot be done with only an old almanac and Barnes' Notes on the Scriptures for a library. A daily paper, a good weekly journal, a good history, late good novels and enough humorous reading to spice the whole, will, in eight cases out of ten furnish strong attractions to keep the boys away from places of questionable repute and questionable practices. An evening of amusement at home is, for good influence, equal to a month's amusement elsewhere. An exchange, in commenting on this subject, says:

"Amusement is the proper feature of home life. It is a corrective for many evils. It does not matter so much what the amusements are as that they shall be regularly provided. Our American homes are too sterile in amusements. The English are more considerate in this direction. We are apt to go away from home for them, and so wean the children from home life. A false teaching, too, prevails on the subject. Some object to amusements as leading to gambling. It is barely possible that there may be cases where this is true; but the fault is less in the amusement than in original propensity or bad counsel or training. If a young person has a propensity for gambling he will find how to do it. On the other hand, familiarity with certain games, under the healthful influence of home, may do much to take away the curiosity which quite often leads to gambling. How far home games may go will depend largely on the means of the family. But money judiciously spent for home amusements is well spent."

So far as amusements at home leads to gambling, as has been asserted, it does, in fact, have an opposite effect. What human nature is denied, it wants, and will get it some way, but what it finds no trouble in acquiring, it does not yearn for. If boys are denied the pleasure of checkers, domonoes etc., at home, they will go elsewhere to enjoy the game, as they are not dead to the pleasures abtained, after hearing their companions telling of their enjoyment of these games. Evening parties in a neighborhood, not these formal stiff affairs, but the social informal parties, are productive of much good. Literary or musical sociables are another. In fact there are hundreds of ways to make the long winter evenings enjoyable and attractive at home, if parents would give but a few moments thought to the subject. The good result to be derived from such a course as cited above, is too obvious to need further consideration by the *Sun*. Now is the time to arrange for a campaign for the good of the youth before they became wedded to the amusements to be found in only questionably moral places.—*Peck's Sun.*

Mortified.

A short time since a couple of young men entered a car of a Delaware Railroad train, and tried to turn one of the seats before sitting down. The seat was locked, but the young men didn't mind that, and one of them took out his knife to pick the lock.

While he was at work an elderly gentleman seated behind them quietly remonstrated.

"That's all right, old man," returned one of them. We know what we're about, so keep your clothes on."

"Don't you know that you are liable to prosecution for that?" continued the old man, mildly. "It's the same as burglary, in the eyes of the law. If you want the seat turned, ask the conductor, and he will do it for you."

"You talk as though you knew a good deal," said one of the young men, looking up with a sarcastic smile. "How long have you been in the railroad business?"

"About twenty years," returned the old gentleman, gently.

The youth looked a little saucily surprised as he asked:

"And pray, what position do you hold now?"

"I am President of the road," returned Mr. Hinckley; "and if you disobey any further rules of the road I shall call upon the officer to arrest you."

The young men took a rear car, while the passengers smiled.—*Occident.*

The Transcript

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Communications on topics of local interest are always welcome, but to insure insertion they must be brief and to the point. We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views of correspondents. Anonymous articles will receive no attention. Address all communications to the Proprietor.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 28, 1883.

STRAWBERRIES are in market at Savannah, Georgia, at one dollar a box, and the box doesn't hold enough to make a large family sick.

NATIONAL SALUTES were fired on Monday from the various parts of the United States in celebration of the centennial anniversary of the surrender by Washington of his commission as Commander-in-chief of the army.

A NEW YORK Accident Insurance company has sent a printed circular to the TRANSCRIPT offering to insure the editor's life against accident and take the premium payments out in advertising. We beg to decline. An accident insurance policy may be a good thing, but it is not as good as being some where else when an accident happens.

VERY COLD WEATHER prevailed during Saturday night and Sunday morning throughout New England and Northern and Central New York. In Vermont and New Hampshire temperatures of twenty to thirty degrees below zero, and in Central New York of ten to fifteen degrees below zero, were reported. A snow storm of wide area, followed by heavy sleet, prevailed in the West during Sunday. Railroad travel and telegraphic communication were interrupted.

SPEAKER CARLISLE announced his committees on Monday. Mr. Morrison is chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, the most important in the House, because it prepares for the House the schedule of taxes and duties from which the revenue is to be raised. With Mr. Morrison on this committee are Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Hurd, Mr. Mills and other able tax and tariff reformers. The five Republicans on the committee are all positive opponents to tariff reform. It is conceded to be an able committee on both sides. Mr. Randall is chairman of the Appropriations Committee, usually accounted the second in importance, and Mr. Holman is his lieutenant. Delaware's member, Mr. Lore, has a place on the regular Committee on Claims and on the select Committee on Shipbuilding and Ship Owning. Mr. Carlisle seems to have used rare good judgment in the selection of the fifty-four House committees, and his work is generally praised by the press.

G. W. CRUIKSHANK, who has long been the editor and publisher of the Elkton *Cecil Democrat*, has bought an interest in the Baltimore *Day*, and will hereafter be connected with that paper as its publisher and business manager. Mr. Cruikshank is a fluent and forcible writer, and his paper has long been one of the most influential in Maryland.—The Baltimore *Day* has taken to itself several of the brightest men in Peninsular journalism and it seems to be never satisfied while we have one conspicuously able man left. Well, the *Day* is going to be a very great paper after awhile, and then we will tell Baltimore that it owes about all it has worth praising in the way of newspapers to Peninsular brains. That is the way we that are left to Peninsular journalism may take our revenge on Baltimore for robbing us of our brightest and most genial companions. On the first of January the *Day* will begin the publication of a morning edition, which will be an eight page paper of six or seven columns to the page. It will be sold at two cents. The evening edition will be continued.

WE cannot allow this, the sixth year of our journalistic career in Middletown, to close without thanking the indulgent folks who read and pay for the TRANSCRIPT, or use its advertising columns, for their support and encouragement. We have been spared most of those trials and discouragements that come to country editors, as the hard-working but usually good natured and happy town and village newspaper men are usually called, and we are happier than many persons who see our severe cast of countenance and chilled-iron expression think we are. In all the past year the TRANSCRIPT has not personally solicited an advertisement or subscriber, and yet its columns have been well filled with a good class of advertisements and its subscription list is longer than it was a year ago by several hundred names. And more, no person has called with a six-shooter or a cowhide demanding an apology or a circus performance for two. The TRANSCRIPT, therefore, has reason to be satisfied with the past and hopeful for the future, and in this contented frame of mind it will close these few crude remarks by wishing its every reader a very Happy New Year.

A GOOD MANY newspapers have criticised Mr. Tennyson's latest poem very severely, and some of them have even intimated that their own hired poet could do better. We have heretofore said nothing about this new poem, because to us it seemed to jingle along pretty smoothly, and we didn't see how we could have done better, or even as well, at making a poem on "Early Spring." Not at this season of the year, any way. Mr. Tennyson's new production may not be worth a thousand dollars a foot, about the price he is said to have received for it, but it is very much better than the average poem on spring. If a young poet, to fame unknown, had written the same verses and sent them to a newspaper or magazine they might have gone into the waste basket, but it is different with Mr. Tennyson. His work does not now have to stand on its own merit. It will travel on Mr. Tennyson's reputation. These reflections may not be pleasant to young poets who cannot get a dollar a yard for their verses, but they should not forget that they have only to write a few poems as good as Tennyson's best work, and thus gain as big a reputation as Mr. Tennyson has, when they, too, can sell an ordinary spring poem for a thousand dollars, if any person is wanting spring poems at that price.

Literary and Journalistic.

THE Newman *Independent*, printed at Newman, Ill., is a new exchange that we are glad to get. Its paragraphic department is in good hands.

THE Chicago *Sun* is a good paper every day in the week, and Goodall's paragraphs are going the rounds to be enjoyed by millions of readers.

THE Chicago *Daily Telegram* has recently come to the front among the brightest newspapers of the West. Its editor, Luther G. Riggs, is an industrious journalist and much of his pen work is widely copied.

THE *Arkansaw Traveler*, printed at Little Rock, Arkansas, is one of the handsomest as well as one of the best literary journals in America. Opie Read, the editor, not only fills two pages of his own paper with the brightest kind of matter every week, but contributes frequently to other leading literary papers.

THE Yonkers *Gazette* has recently enlarged itself, and now appears in a handsome new dress of type. It is a good paper in every respect, and if Mr. Holden, its editor and owner, is not rich enough to have two cast-iron dogs on the front porch of his country residence, his paper hasn't had the support a gilt-edged paper deserves.

BILL NYE has decided that he cannot run satisfactorily a newspaper and and a case of the spinal meningitis both at one and the same time, and as he couldn't get rid of the spinal meningitis, he has sold his interest in and resigned the editorship of the Laramie *Boomerang*. And the *Boomerang* without Nye is as gloomy as a second-hand hearse.

CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER in the January Harper opens a very entertaining "Drawer" with a humorous dissertation on the division of time. There was a time when no joke less than ninety-five years old was admitted to "Harper's Drawer," except by mistake, but since the "new departure" the department has contained much that was bright and fresh.

THE January number of the *St. Louis Illustrated Magazine* is decidedly the best number of that always-good magazine that has yet come before us. It contains fifty pages of entertaining reading and is very tastefully illustrated. The brightest writers of the West and South are regular contributors to this periodical. A specimen copy will be sent to any one for fifteen cents.

IN THE January *St. Nicholas* Louisa M. Alcott begins her promised series of "Spinning-wheel Stories" with a sketch of the "good old times" of seventy years ago, showing how Grandmother's wheel spun a tale of fun, war, love and wolves, to suit the tastes of all her hearers. The frontispiece is by Mary Hallock Foote, and H. H. opens the number with a complete and timely story of Colorado mining life, entitled "Christmas in the Pink Boarding-house."

Harper's Magazine for January is a worthy sequel to the brilliant Christmas Number of that periodical. The opening paper is a personal sketch of the poet Whittier by Harriet Prescott Spofford, beautifully illustrated by Harry Fenn. A fine portrait of Whittier is the frontispiece of this Number. The new novel by William Black, "Judith Shakespeare," is the literary event of the season. It is as masterly in delineation of human sentiment as in its description of nature, and it has the very atmosphere of Shakespeare's period. It is illustrated in Abbey's best style. One of these illustrations is printed separately on heavier paper.

THE present year has produced a great mass of writings about Martin Luther, but nothing worthier or more interesting has appeared than an account in the *Manhattan* for January of "The Luther Monument at Worms," by. J. Leonard Corning, who considers it solely as a work of art, relating some new anecdotes concerning it. Ten of the statues which form part of the monument are superbly engraved, and the frontispiece is a masterly engraving, by Kruell, of the portrait bust of Luther by Donndorf, who designed the beautiful drinking fountain in Union Square, New York. Henry C. Pedder contributes a paper on "Woman in Modern Civilization," and Anna Ballard writes charmingly of "Pompei, Past and Present." A dramatic short story is contributed by James Albert Harrison, and poems by George P. Lathrop, Edith M. Thomas, H. C. Bunner and others. The departments of Recent Literature, Town Talk and Salmagundi, are well filled, and the entire number of sterling merit, whether regarded from a literary or a pictorial point of view.

"Trifles Light as Air."

AN exchange says that Judge David Davis recently "sat on a jury." We hereby offer our entire stock of sympathy to the jury.

THE joke about the old man's boot is growing heavy,—almost as heavy as the old man's boot itself. Let the old man's boot have a rest.

"Keep peace in the family at any cost!" exclaims a rich editor, in leaded long primer. Yes, that is good advice, but there are mighty few of us with the cash or credit to buy a sealskin sacque.

THE past year has been a very hard one on good resolutions. In looking over our stock of good resolutions for 1883 we find we have only one whole one left. And it reads, "Never strike a man who is bigger than yourself."

Emma Abbott has one dress of brown velvet and camel's hair, which fits her so tightly that her maid has to button it with a shoe hook. But Emma says it feels heavenly after it is on. Probably it reminds Emma of the way her young man used to hug her Sunday evenings for keeps.

A man in Duluth, Minn., has been fined $14 for kissing a pretty girl against her will.—*N. Y. Morning Journal.* Well, if she was half as sweet as some girls we have seen, he got the kiss at a great deal less than its face value.

It has long been a matter of wonder to the world why humorists have such a general expression of woe and gloom. We don't know if we ought to tell it, but, the truth is, the characteristic sadness of humorists is occasioned by their inability to spend their salary. That is, their inability to spend their salary before they get it.

Man is a queer animal, almost any way you take him. He will go around lamenting that he is dying for the want of exercise, and that he ought to have a health lift and some dumb bells and a pair of Indian clubs, but when his wife asks him to bring a scuttle of coal out of the cellar, he has business down town that needs him every minute.

"No," said a man who applied for a pension, "I must acknowledge that I was never in the army, but I once fell off a post-and-rail fence and broke my leg, while watching a militia company drill. It seems to me, a man who watches a militia company drill for an hour, to say nothing about breaking his leg, ought to have some compensation from his country."

A GEORGIA MAN named Rufus Hogan was struck dumb while returning home from church. It is not known whether he saw a dollar bill in the collection plate or his wife failed to call attention to the fact that the woman who sat two pews ahead was dressed entirely too gay for a person of her years. At any rate, we are sorry this has occurred. Men already had entirely too many handy excuses for staying away from church.

"Ah," said the nice young man with bangs, as the little boy let him in, the other evening, "Ah, my little man, is your sister at home?" "Yes, she's home, but she ain't expecting you."—"And how do you know she isn't expecting me?" "'Cause I heard her tell ma that you're too mean to hire a horse and sleigh, and she didn't expect to see a sign of you while the snow lasted." The little boy is now saddest when he sits.

A California highwayman, who has robbed more than a score of stage coaches, was sentenced to a life imprisonment recently. He had a habit of writing verses on the rifled express boxes and it was by these verses that he was at last caught and brought to prison. If he had left poetry alone and stuck steadily to his regular business he would probably have been a free man to-day. Young men who write verses should think over this paragraph, and decide to pause before it is everlastingly too late.

IT is said that one bushel of beets added to nine bushels of apples make cider richer and of a superior flavor to that made from apples alone. If it swells a man's head up any more than the kind of cider they bottle up and sell for champagne, we don't want any of it until we collect enough money to buy a new hat. This must be the sort of cider they sell in local option counties. The man who drinks it regularly will have a red nose sure, on account of the beets. Beet juice is bound to show its color.

A leader in a western newspaper reads as follows: "We regret very much that we could not be seen yesterday morning when Brother Moseley called at our home with a six shooter. At the moment of his call we were in *dishabille*, waiting for our wife to sew the annual patch upon our winter trousers, and not in a condition to move in society. If Brother Moseley has business with us he should call at our office during business hours, and should be careful to not break the seventy-five cent candelabra when he shoots. He has already put us to an unnecessary expense this season by shooting a hole through our cuspidor."

A correspondent wants us to tell him how to raise a big hog. There have been times when the editor of this column believed himself to be a walking cyclopedia, but now he has to own right up that he is stumped. It wouldn't be any trouble at all for us to lay down safe rules for raising a little hog, but a big hog is a different sort of subject and not one that should be trifled with. You want to be very careful about attempting to raise a big hog. We have never raised a big hog. Once we thought of raising one, but abandoned the idea before it was too late to retreat. The big hog occupied four seats in a railroad car and we had none. He was a very big hog, and after we had looked him over carefully and noted his size, and the look of earnestness in his eye, we concluded not to raise him, but to go and sit on the wood box.

A pretty young girl in Walla Walla goes home from the Tuesday evening sociable alone. She walks to and from church without a mail escort. The front gate at the paternal nest never creaks on its hinges at a late hour of the evening, and no sound of osculation is heard on the front porch. The front door is not heard to gently open and as gently close at about midnight's holy hour, and no young man is seen going away from there with a long blonde hair hanging to his topmost coat button. The coal bills at that house are light, and the mince pies and doughnuts are found in the morning where they were left at at the beginning of the night. All this is because the cruel paternal ancestor of the pretty Walla Walla girl has publically announced with considerable firmness, as if he meant it, that he will shoot at sight the first young man he finds in his daughter's company.

No William Henry, If a man smites you on one cheek we do not advise you to turn the other to him. On general principles that would be bad advice. It would be advice that might make you sorry. If the man who smiteth you, smiteth you gently like the zephyr smiteth the maiden's cheek, or the maiden smiteth her lover's cheek when he kisseth her for keeps, then, William Henry, you might turn the other cheek that the same might be done likewise unto it. But if a man smiteth you—a *man* we say, William Henry, and he is a vigorous smiter, we would advise you to go away from there in a hurry. If he smiteth you with force, and knocketh out several of your back teeth, and maketh your eye-balls jingle, and splitteth open your ear, and looseneth the hinges of your jaw, and raketh up old memories in your system, you would be a fool, William Henry, if you did not take your other cheek away to a place of safety.

THE *Democrat* of Leadville, Col., prints the names of 109 persons who have died by violence in and near that city since its existence as a mining camp.

RALPH P. LOWE, ex-Governor of Iowa, died in Washington on Saturday night, aged 78 years. He was a native of Ohio, but settled in Iowa while a young man.

Items.

A TREMENDOUS thunder storm passed over New Haven, Connecticut, at half-past five o'clock yesterday afternoon. The lightning was frequent and vivid, and the thunder loud, while the rain fell in torrents.

MR. COX, of New York, intends to decline the chairmanship of the Committee on Naval Affairs, and Mr. Springer, of Illinois, the chairmanship of the committee on expenditures in the Department of Justice.

NOTICE was given on Saturday night that the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company's mill in Reading will be closed on January 1st for an indefinite period. Three hundred hands will be thrown out of employment.

AT McDade, Texas, on Monday night, three thieves were lynched by fifty armed men. On Tuesday six of the friends of the lynched men visited McDade, and a fight ensued, in which two of them and one citizen were killed.

AT the Virginius Mine, near Ouray, Colorado, last Friday, a huge mass of snow started from the top of the range and struck the building used as a boarding house, sweeping it away and burying the men 15 or 20 feet under the snow. Five were taken out alive but badly crushed. When the news of the disaster reached Ouray, a party of 31 persons left for the mine to bring in the bodies of the dead. The journey was made during a terrible storm. After having cared for the wounded, sleds were improvised for the bodies of the killed and the party started on their return. On reaching the Cumberland Basin, a second snow slide occurred, but the party being just beyond the edge of the avalanche escaped death. The sleds containing the bodies, however, were carried 2000 feet down the mountain side and hurled over a precipice 500 feet high. They must remain where they have fallen until spring.

A NOBLE CHARITY.—While partaking of the Christmas dinner let us seek to relieve the misery of earth's unfortunate ones. No better form to do this can be found than to support the world-famed Charity Hospital at New Orleans, La., and invest $5 or $1 in the 164th Grand Monthly Distribution of The Louisiana State Lottery, on the 15th of January, 1884, under the sole care and supervision of Gen'ls G. T. Beauregard, of La., and Jubal A. Early, of Va., when over $265,000 will be scattered broadcast in sums of $75,000 down to $25. The full details of which can be had from M. A. Dauphin, New Orleans, La.

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Clover Seed, ₱ lb	13½ 15c	Oats (Dela're)	30@40

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"Yes, I've heard it, and I'll bet a box of pills against your dry inkstand that some priest said it. They always pattered bad Latin when they had a bigger lie than common to get rid of," answered the Doctor, lighting his pipe. "I tell you, Doctor, you're way off when you think our profession isn't doing as good work in this world as yours is. They've both been more'n half barbarous for centuries, but we've several lengths ahead of you on the home-stretch."

"But, Doctor," said Rev. Mr. Creamcheese, "don't you think your fraternity shows a tendency to materialistic——?"

"Bah!" interrupted Dr. Senna, "we show a tendency to human charity and common sense. The fences are all down. Why, within the past week I've had a letter from my old friend, Dr. W. V. Haddox, of Pine Hill, Alabama, saying that he is using, with great success, PARKER'S TONIC in his practice, and finds it the best thing for Coughs, Lung, Kidney and Liver troubles, Dyspepsia, Rheumatism, and so on, he ever struck: and another friend of mine, Dr. J. J. Oatman, of Carrolltown, Pa., says substantially the same thing. He's a big specialist, too, in chronic diseases, and knows what he is talking about every time."

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Dec. 28-tf. W. M. VANDEGRIFT, Odessa, Del.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 28, 1883.

DELAWARE R. R.—TRAINS LEAVE MIDDLETOWN.

GOING NORTH:			
7.55 A. M.	9.22 A. M.	11.42 A. M.	5.03 P. M.
GOING SOUTH:			
10.11 A. M.	2.14 P. M.	4.42 P. M.	7.30 P. M.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Town Notes.

— Apparently, Middletown folks had a very merry Christmas.

— Ninety-two Christmas excursion tickets over the railroad were sold at the Middletown station.

— The banks will be closed on New Year's day. The directors of the Citizen's Bank will meet on Monday.

— Biggs, Clayton & Co., the Middletown canners, have sold all their fruit pack of last season at satisfactory prices.

— Salem, New Jersey, folks are to have a lecture by R. J. Burdette on January 23d. This will be Mr. Burdette's fourth lecture in Salem.

— Cox & Bro. have sold six sleighs this week. The sleighers have had fine fun and will be likely to have a great deal more before the end of winter.

— The holiday recess of the Middletown public schools will end on Tuesday. The scholars have doubtless much enjoyed their Christmas vacation.

— The Middletown Lyceum Committee will meet at the post-office to-morrow evening at eight o'clock. The president desires every member to attend.

— An effort is being made to organize a stock association to buy a fine piano for the Town Hall. About half the proposed amount of stock has been subscribed.

— Little Mary Given has a very beautiful Christmas tree, which, she says, Kris Kringle brought her. It has been much admired by her friends, young and aged.

— The Rev. Baldwin Dean, of Havre-de-Grace, Md., has declined the call to the rectorship of St. Anne's P. E. Church, and has, it is said, accepted a call from a church in a Western State.

— It is said that one member of the Lyceum Committee was so much delighted with Helen Potter's readings that he forgot to close his store, and the front door stood open all last night.

— The little folks are soon to produce the oratorio of "Queen Esther" all by themselves. The performance will no doubt be much enjoyed by those who are permitted to attend.

— T. A. Bordley will start a news stand next week in G. W. Stephens' grocery store. He has announced that he will keep a stock of books and periodicals and furnish all the daily and weekly papers at publishers rates.

— The mumps having closed their engagement at Middletown, the measles now have the boards. There are a number of cases in the town and its vicinity, but as yet the disease has not reduced the attendance at the public schools.

— Victor M. Fountain, who for some time has been employed with M. L. Hardcastle, of Middletown, will start for De Land, Florida, to-morrow, where he has accepted a position as salesman with Mr. Dreka, formerly of Sassafras, Md.

— Through the thoughtfulness and generosity and big heartedness of Colonel Joseph Hanson, the TRANTCRIPT printers filled their forms Christmas eve with a fine big gilt-edged cake from George Hopkins' bakery. "The good that men do lives after them."

— The tax collectors come very near to being ubiquitous just now in this county. You may be sure that the man who complains next fall that he couldn't find a Delaware tax collector when he wanted one, wasn't wanting one very often or very long at a time.

— This section of Delaware, long noted for its healthfulness, was especially free from disease among its people during the past year. One physician who has a very large practice in lower New Castle county tells us that he has written two thousand fewer prescriptions in 1883 than he wrote during the year previous.

— Miss Helen Potter is engaged to read at the Smyrna Town Hall on New Year's night. The Smyrna folks are, of course, aware that Miss Potter gives an entertainment that delights an audience to the bounds of enthusiasm. If the weather be fair, a good many Middletown folks will go to Smyrna to hear Miss Potter again.

— We begin this week on this page a weather record that may prove of interest to many of the TRANSCRIP's readers. Our weather editor has strongly objected to getting up in the morning at seven o'clock and going out on the back porch to look at the thermometer, but we have at last persuaded him to do it by threatening to reduce his salary if he didn't.

— The Old Year is standing at the door with his hat in his hand and his thumb upon the latch. Pretty soon he will steal silently out and will be gone forever. This is a very solemn thing to think about, especially to the man who is looking for the butcher and baker, and all the other fellows, to come in with a bill each as long as a scientific lecture on the Immensity of Space.

— An old subscriber in renewing his subscription to the TRANSCRIPT for 1884, writes as follows: "Find enclosed two dollars, for which send me the TRANSCRIPT next year. I can't get along without it." That's the sort of man we rejoice to hear from about this time of year. We are pleased to have a man say he can't get along without the TRANSCRIPT, and we are more pleased when he doesn't forget that we can't get along very well without the two dollars.

—At the regular communication of Union Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of Middletown, next Tuesday evening, there will be work on the Third Degree and so much of it that Mason's wives had better leave the key of the front door under the mat and not sit up to let the Masons in. The Masons will be apt to be out late. Brother Masons of neighboring lodges have been invited to come and see the fiery, untamed goat of Union Lodge prance on this occasion, and after the work there will be refreshments in the banquet hall.

— The regular weekly meeting of Irving Lyceum will be held on Monday evening. Readings, recitations and music will make up the program. Officers will be elected to serve during the term beginning on the first Monday in January. As there has been no meeting of the society for three weeks, there ought to be a good attendance of members. The January public meeting will be held the first Monday in the month. An interesting debate will probably be the leading feature of the program for that meeting.

— The ball this evening at the Town Hall is likely to be a very pleasant affair and a goodly number of young folks will probably participate in its enjoyments. Price's orchestra of nine pieces will furnish the music for the dance. The grand march is announced to begin at 8.30 o'clock. A fine collation will be served in the banquet hall. The reception committee is, A. P. Corbit, Edward Tatman, E. J. Davis, R. B. Wilson, W. F. Kennedy and W. R. Davis; and the floor directors are F. B. Watkins, W. H. Cacy, W. F. Kennedy and H. M. Walker.

County.

— The Wilmington *Morning News* gave the newsboys a Christmas dinner.

— Sheriff Martin gave the prisoners in the county jail a big Christmas dinner.

— It is rumored that Colonel H. B. McIntire will start a Democratic daily newspaper at Wilmington.

— The ladies of Glasgow M. E. Church will have a supper and festival New Year's night for the benefit of their church.

— The M. E. Church at Newark, which has been undergoing repairs, was formally reopened with appropriate services last Sunday.

— Edward Valentine, of Wilmington, attempted suicide Tuesday morning by taking an ounce of laudanum. His mind was depressed by financial trouble.

— George Boulden, a prominent farmer of Pencader hundred, is lying dangerously ill of typhoid fever. He is a brother of James Boulden, of Middletown, who is also ill.

— The Equine Paradox will on Monday next begin a week's engagement at the Wilmington Opera House. There will be day performances on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

— Many of the laborers along the line of the new B. & P. railroad have struck because their wages have been reduced from $1.25 to $1 per day. The order to that effect was received from the railroad authorities on Friday.

— Joseph Miller, an aged farmer of Chadd's Ford, Pa., was killed by an engine in front of the P. W. and B. station, at Wilmington, Saturday afternoon. He was walking across the track, and, being slightly deaf, did not hear the approaching train.

— On Friday night of last week a southbound train on the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore railroad struck a herd of fat cattle, near Iron Hill station, killing ten of them. The cattle had escaped from the pen at Newark station and had wandered down the track. The shock created some excitement among the passengers.

State.

— The Clayton Sunday school will have a distribution of presents New Year's night.

— Competition between poultry dealers at Clayton last week was so sharp that as much as nineteen cents per pound was paid for turkeys to ship.

— During this year the Kent County Mutual Insurance Company has issued policies of insurance to the amount of about one million dollars.

— Lewis N. Wright, a former president of the first National Bank of Seaford, died at his home near Bridgeville, December 25th, at the age of eighty.

— The Milford correspondent of the Wilmington *Morning News* says there are 25,000 cases of canned goods in the canning houses in and about Milford.

— The Rev. Dr. Joshua Morsell, who died of heart disease while preaching in Grace Church, Long Island, December 16th, was rector of St. Peter's Church, at Smyrna, from 1865 to 1874. He was about seventy-five years of age.

— Nehemiah Davis, long a resident of Smyrna, was found dead on Haddonfield Pike, near Camden, N. J., Saturday evening. The jury of inquest decided that his death had resulted from paralysis. He was seventy years of age.

Maryland Matters.

— The town commissioners of Easton will ask the Legislature at its coming session for authority to borrow $25,000 with which to build water-works.

— Dr. Stephen E. Ford, of North East, president of the Chester River Line, has purchased of Robt. J. Catlin, the home farm of the late Joseph Catlin for $19,500.

— William Lindsey, of Chesapeake City, Md., was knocked down by a sleigh and seriously injured, in Elkton, last Friday evening. The sidewalks were slippery and he was walking in the street when the sleigh came suddenly upon him. The occupants of the sleigh were thrown out and the horse ran away and collided with a carriage.

— On Thursday of last week A. P. Shockley, of Elkton, shipped to Henry Disston & Son, of Philadelphia, fifteen hundred fine turkeys, one of which the Messrs. Disston presented to each of their employes as a Christmas present. The turkeys came from all parts of Cecil and New Castle counties and the lot cost $2,800. Mr. Shockley, by order of Mr. Disston, gave away about forty turkeys to those who helped him load them on the cars.

Personal.

— Miss Fannie Reynolds is spending her Christmas vacation with her parents.

— Miss Essie Chandler, of Wilmington, is visiting Middletown, the guest of Miss Minnie Reynolds.

— The Rev. Mr. Alexander and family spent Christmas with relatives at Phillipsburg, Pa. They returned to Middletown on Wednesday evening.

— Miss May Martindale, daughter of the Rev. T. E. Martindale, won the first prize, Bryant's poems, offered by the Smyrna *Record* to the pupils of the Smyrna High School for essays.

Odessa Items.

— An effort is being made to start a building and loan association.

— Lord & Polk's phosphate factory is running full time on fertilizers for spring crops.

— Very interesting anniversary services were held by the Sunday school in the M. E. Church, Christmas evening.

— Samuel Warren, of Townsend, has bought of R. C. Hayes a dwelling house and lot on Front street for $2,000.

— The annual election of directors of the New Castle County National Bank of Odessa will take place next Wednesday.

— Many Odessa people went to Middletown last evening to hear Helen Potter and were much delighted with the entertainment.

— It is said that 508 boats passed in and out of Appoquinimink creek, to and from Odessa, between December 1st, 1882, and December 1st, 1883.

— The public school is closed for the holiday recess and Herman Bessey, the principal, is spending the vacation with friends near Dover.

— Webb's Comedy Company, advertised to give an entertainment at Odessa Hall on Wednesday evening, failed to appear. It is not definitely known at this writing whether the company is lost, strayed or stolen.

— It is expected that the directors of the Delaware railroad will take some action at their meeting in January on the report of the committee of citizens in regard to the proposed branch railroad to Middletown, and it is hoped that such action will be favorable to the early building of the road.

Miss Potter's Readings.

We venture to say that Middletown has never had a finer entertainment than that of last evening by Miss Helen Potter, under the auspices of the Lyceum Committee, at Middletown Hall. The house was fairly well filled, though not so well filled as might have been expected. But the weather was very unfavorable until near evening, when there were indications of clearing, and the roads were in bad condition. Miss Potter captured the favor of her audience at her first appearance and held it to the end of the program. Her readings were, "A Christmas Story," by Dickens; "Drifting," by T. B. Read; "The Legend of Bregenz," by Adelaide Proctor; "Going Somewhere," a little newspaper sketch; and "The Specimen Reading Class." The "Christmas Story" was especially a grand effort that one could not regret a very long ride to hear. The bright little newspaper sketch, "Going Somewhere" displayed the reader's wonderful control of expression and voice.—This most delightsome bit of humor was heartily appreciated by the audience, but, for that matter, Miss Potter read nothing that was not heartily appreciated by her audience. The "Specimen Reading Class" was a most amusing effort that caused a great deal of merriment. Miss Potter's costumed impersonations were, "Nydia, The Blind Girl of Pompeii;" "Voting," *a la* Susan B. Anthony; "The Modern School Girl;" and "Temperance," *a la* John B. Gough. All were fine, but the impersonation of Gough was so surprisingly like the real article that those in the audience who had seen Mr. Gough were half persuaded that it was indeed the real Gough before them, instead of Miss Potter, who had only a few minutes before gone skipping off the stage as "The Modern School Girl" with a head full of "molecules" and "protoplasms." A part of one of Gough's lectures on temperance was given and it seemed to be given as no person but John B. Gough could give it. The voice, ennunciation and jestures were well-nigh perfect. As Burdette has said, "Helen Potter as John B. Gough is more like John B. Gough than John B. Gough is like himself." Miss Potter was frequently applauded and we are assured that our people who heard her last evening were more than delighted. But the entainment was not a financial success, and the Lyceum Committee will have to "shell out" about forty dollars to meet the deficiency. Price's orchesta entertained the audience with good music between Miss Potter's efforts. Miss Potter was introduced to the audience by Dr. J. G. Carroll, chairman of the Lyceum committee.

Death of Henry H. Wells.

Henry H. Wells, late member of the Levy Court from Blackbird hundred, died at his home on Wednesday evening. He had been in ill health for several years. He was well known throughout the county and was especially popular in the community where he lived. He served four years in the Levy Court of this county and was a capable and industrious member. His term of office expired about a year ago. He leaves a wife, a daughter of George D. Collins, of Smyrna, and two children. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 10.30 o'clock. The burial will be in the Episcopal cemetery, at Smyrna.

Smallpox in New Castle Jail.

Two more cases of smallpox were developed in New Castle jail during Tuesday night, and much alarm is felt among the prisoners and citizens of New Castle lest it should prove an epidemic. The contagion is supposed to have come from the prisoner Laws, who was hurriedly removed to this city a week or more ago. The names of the unfortunate prisoners were not made public yesterday, but it is stated that they were removed to their homes in this city. The bringing of smallpox patients to a populous city such as Wilmington is severely censured, and strong feelings are expressed in relation to the matter. One of the two men just taken is serving a two-year's sentence and the other is awaiting trial.—*Morning News.*

Christmas Goslings.

S. G. Downs, of Noxentown, brought to the TRANSCRIPT office to-day ten pretty goslings that came out of the shell on Christmas day. The mother of the family sat on ten eggs and, attending strictly to business, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, hatched out the lot. The little goslings do not seem to realize that they have arrived at a knowledge of the world at an unseemly season, but are apparently as happy as goslings can be.

Weather Record for the Week.

December 23rd—mercury 12 at 7 a. m. and 12 at 1 p. m; snow. December 24th—mercury 32 at 7 a. m. and 32 at 1 p. m.; light rain. December 25th—mercury 30 at 7 a. M. and 39 at 1 p. m.; rain in the afternoon. December 26th—mercury 19 at 7 a. m. and 38 at 1 p. m.; clear. December 27th—mercury 33 at 7 a. m. and 37 at 1 p. m.; rain. December 28th—mercury 27 at 7 a. m. and 33 at 1 p. m.; clear.

A Special Service in the M. E. Church.

On Sabbath, at 10½ o'clock, in the Methodist Episcopal Church of this town, the pastor will preach on "The Wise Men who came from the East." In the evening, at 7 o'clock, will be held the temperance service postponed from last Sabbath evening in consequence of the storm. One object of the excercises will be the celebration of the decennary of the W. C. T. U. The following order of thought will be observed in the program of the evening:—

The W. C. T. U., by A. G. Cox.
Prohibition, by J. B. Roberts.
The Relation of the Church to Temperance, by the Pastor.

Appropriate music will be interspersed and it is hoped that the exercises will be both interesting and profitable.

Hymeneal.

In West Philadelphia, on Monday, December 24th, Mr. George G. Rowe, of Middletown, and Miss Kate C. Titus were united in marriage by the Rev. J. Addison Henry. The bride formerly resided in Cecil county, Md., where she has many friends. The groom is one of Middletown's most industrious and popular young men. The TRANSCRIPT offers its congratulations to the happy couple, who are now away on their bridal trip.

Christmas in Middletown.

Christmas day was rather quiet in Middletown. The stores were closed in front but customers were admitted to the greater number of them and some business was done throughout the day. None of the churches held services. The Rev. Mr. Dean was expected to preach at St. Anne's church but he failed to come.

Odessa Produce Market.

Corrected weekly by W. M. Vandegrift: Eggs, 26 cents; butter, 30 cents; lard, 11 to 12½ cents; potatoes, white, 50 cents per bushel; potatoes, sweet, 40 to 50 cents per basket; chickens, 12 to 14 cents; ducks, 12 to 13 cents; turkeys, 14 to 16 cents.

The Almanac.

The new almanac is ready to be hung in the place of honor under the mantle-piece, and the old back number for 1883 will have to go. Its days are few, and never more will the careful housewife consult its pages to learn the proper time to set the brindle hen. It is our annual custom to say something about the new almanac, not because there is anything fresh or startling in it, but because it calls up old memories of childhood's happy day when we used to sit for hours pondering over the new almanac and wondering why the village sewing society neglected year after year to send a pair of trousers to the old man whose picture appeared on the cover. Among the great variety of almanacs that come annually to our homes is the medical almanac. We could never get along without the medical almanac. It usually opens the subject with a cut of a pair of lungs. You know it is the cut of a pair of lungs because you read that it is, underneath of it. Further over, as the subject grows more interesting, you will find pages embellished with artistic engravings of the liver and a lot more of the works that a human being usually has in his interior department, and when you sit down and carefully read the medical almanac through, and believe all that you read in it, you will wonder why any person should run up a bill for his own funeral expenses when twenty-five cents worth of pills and fifty cents worth of liver teaser will cure anything from a plain case of malaria without trimmings to the worst case of acute blind staggers. It doesn't make any difference how long a Latin name a disease may have, the medical almanac will tell you in one easy lesson how to take it by the coat collar, so to speak, and yank it out of your system in one time and two motions. There is a great deal of cheerful reading in the medical almanac, if you can only believe it.

Not so Bad as She Feared.

It was midnight; midnight in Elkton. A Main street home was clothed in darkness, save that one faint ray of light came through the chinks of a bed room blind and fell athwart the roof of the Queen Ann hen-house in the back yard. Suddenly the sound of unsteady footsteps upon the front porch fell upon restless ears above, and a moment later a solitary form robed in white descended the stairs behind a kerosene lamp. The footsteps had ceased but muttered imprecations were heard from without against the base villain who had stolen the keyhole. Then the hall door was opened from within, and a man who seemed to be jointed at the middle and to have an ungovernable inclination to shut himself up like a jackknife was seen attempting to support himself by one hand against the jamb of the door and in the other hand holding the pocket cork-screw which he had been vainly trying to push into the key hole.

"Henry," said the white-robed figure behind the kerosene lamp, with a voice full of sadness and a look of deepest concern upon her countenance, "Henry, oh, Henry! what have you been drinking?"

"Nozin', my dear—nozin' but plain—hic—whiskey."

"Thank heaven, Henry, it is no worse!" answered the white-robed figure, as if a great load had been lifted off her heart, as she sat down the lamp and assisted Henry into the hall. "Thank heaven; I thought it was crab-apple cider."

Cecil County Court.

The Hurford will case which occupied all of last week in the Circuit Court for Cecil county was given to the jury on Friday afternoon at three o'clock. The jury, after being up all Friday night and Saturday morning, and being unable to agree, was discharged on Saturday afternoon. It stood nine to three for the validity of the will. The case was ably argued by the counsel, Albert Constable and W. S. Evans for the will and H. McCullough and Thackery against it. The case excited much interest in the county, owing to the large amount of money involved. The Court adjourned till January 7th.—*Cecil News.*

Delaware Canned Goods.

Richardson & Robbins are putting up many kinds of fancy goods that call for very expensive ingredients. The French trouffles used are imported expressly for them, a small one-pound can costing about $3. Everything is utilized. The livers of poultry are put up in patters, making a very delicious dish. The gizzards are collected by samuel Mollison, a colored man, who skins them and dries the skins for a patent medicine firm in Philadelphia who pay him thirty cents per pound for them. Mollison uses what he wants of the meat and sells the balance to the colored people. The skins are used by the patent medicine firm to make a dyspepsia medicine which they retail at $2 an ounce. The offal of the poultry, consisting of the head, feet, entrails and bones, is sold to Mr. Walter Morris, who pays $65 for every 100,000 pounds of poultry. He gets about 30,000 pounds of the 100,000 pounds, or about 15 tons, which is a very cheap manure. He is enriching his farm very fast.—*Dover Sentinel.*

Roll of Honor.

MIDDLETOWN SCHOOLS.

For the month ending Dec. 21: Standard required, 95 per cent in attendance, deportment and rank in studies.

Department No. 1.—Bessie Anderson, Effie A. Kelly, Sadie Pharo, Nellie Rothwell, Katie Eliason, Rhoda Wildes, Philip R. Cleaver, William Carpenter, Stewart N. Pool, Fred Beasten, Cecil H. Green, John C. Green, Wm. R. Cochran, Horatio N. Willits.

Department No. 2.—Viola McWhorter, Helen Naudain, May Unruh, Laura Willits, Harry Hayes.

Department No 3.—Frances Williamson, Bertie Johnson, Ella Stephens, Alexis Wilson, Corbit Hayes, John Kelly, Johnnie Montgomery.

Department No. 4.—Maggie Jones, Ethel Parvis, Sallie McWhorter, Charlie Stayton, Lydia Hayes, Louvisa Wilson, Fannie Stephens, Lydia Echenhoter, Mattie Clayton, Victor Bradley.

MATHEW'S CORNER SCHOOL.

The following named pupils have reached an average of 95 per cent or above for the month of December, 1883: Sylvester D. Townsend, 98½; Lucy T. Roemer, 98; Carrie T. Shetzlier, 97½; John W. McCoy, 96; George L. Townsend, 96.

WOODLAND SCHOOL.

List of scholars at Woodland school who reached 90 per cent. or above in their studies and attendance for the month of December: William Armstrong, Vance Armstrong, Eugene Cleaver, John Ratledge, Howard Ratledge, Thomas Crossland, Howard Crossland, Alice Sheridan, William Richards, Harry Richards, Lillie Bennett, Missouri Sheridan, Ida Bennett, Mollie Richards.

MILL ROAD SCHOOL.

Oka Cochran, Tom Cochran, Eva Moody, Lindsey Cochran, Jimmie Stanley.

Miss Savage's Readings.

The entertainment at the Smyrna Town Hall by Miss Janie G. Savage, Christmas night, was attended by a large audience. Miss Savage is a very pleasing reader and her efforts were all well received. The entertainment was one of the *Record* Course.

Trustees of the Poor.

The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees of the Poor was held at the almshouse on Wednesday. Superintendent Guthrie's monthly report showed that there were 254 inmates in both departments of the institution, an increase of 10 over December, 1882. There were 68 persons, 55 white and 13 colored, in the insane department; and 186 paupers, 153 white and 33 colored, in the almshouse. In the month there was one death.

Sales to Take Place.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3.—Personal property, Mrs. Sarah A. Hanson, near Warwick, Md.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15.—Sale of personal property, Mrs. Henrietta Hopkins, near Mount Pleasant.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21st.—The farm of Benj. F. Sluyter, deceased, on Bohemia Manor, at Elkton, Md.

Unclaimed Letters.

The following letters are unclaimed in the Middletown post-office: Frank Carty, Mrs. Amanda Green, (2), Georgiana Crisden, Mrs. Harriet Segerts, Martha Hazard, Martha Johnson, Mary C. Myers, Sarah Purnell, Frances Pinter, Enoch Piner, Mrs. Mary Phillips, Eliza Richardson, Martha Wallace, Mary Turner. Persons calling for the above will please say they are advertised.

MARRIED.

ROWE—TITUS.—In West Philadelphia, Pa., on December 24th, 1885, at 8 P. M., by Rev. J. Addison Henry, George G. Rowe, of Middletown, Del., to Kate C. Titus, of West Philadelphia, Pa.

FREAR—LOWBER.—December 20th, at the Magnolia M. E. Church, by Rev. S. N. Richard, Joseph A. Frear and Miss Clara Lowber, both of Kent county, Del.

HYATT—GLANDEN.—In Wilmington, December 12th, by Rev. J. F. Crouch, Francis W. Hyatt, Jr., of Wilmington, and Miss Dora R. Glanden, of Smyrna.

HEVALO—METZ.—At the house of the bride's parents, in Chesapeake City, on December 18th, 1883, by Rev. F. J. Cochran, Miss Annie Metz, of Chesapeake City, and Reuben Hevalo, of Cecilton, both of Cecil county, Maryland.

MURPHY—CRAWFORD.—On December 20th, 1883, by Elder Joseph Staton, David J. Murphy and Mary E. Crawford, daughter of Wm. H. Crawford, Esq., of Avondale, Chester county, Pa.

DIED.

WELLS.—Near Green Spring, December 25th, Henry H. Wells, in his 34th year.

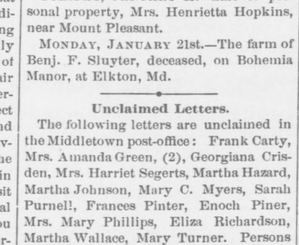
GOOD style is good sense, good health, good energy and good will, but a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is a good benefaction that suffering humanity has already learned to appreciate.

Business Gossip.

A HANDSOME lot of SATIN NEW YEAR'S CARDS, just received, by MRS. J. W. MAKENS, Middletown.

FURNITURE.—A nice line of Walnut Chairs, Spring Rockers, Marble-top Tables, Hall Mirrors, Walnut Chamber Sets, Lounges, Towel Racks and Comb Cases, and a variety of very fine Chairs for children, all suitable for Christmas presents, and will be sold as low as can be bought in Philadelphia. GEORGE W. WILSON, Furniture Dealer and Undertaker, Middletown, Del.

New Advertisements.



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

A REPORT PRINTED in the Wilmington *Morning News* of December 24th to the effect that "WILLIAM N. WILSON had accepted a half interest with SCOTT & CO. in the Fruit Belt Land Office," is not correct. I hereby give notice that William N. Wilson is not nor never has been a partner in said firm of Scott & Co.

ABNER HITCHCOCK, *Manager.*
MIDDLETOWN, DEL., Dec 26, 1883-1t.

Final Notice to Tax-Payers

—OF—

ST. GEORGES HUNDRED.

NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of the requirements of the Act of Assembly in this behalf, passed at Dover, Delaware, April 10th, 1873, the undersigned will attend at the following named places, on the days named, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 3 P. M., for the purpose of collecting all taxes that are unpaid:

At the NATIONAL HOTEL, Middletown, Monday, January 7th, 1884.
At the MIDDLETOWN HOTEL, Middletown, Tuesday, January 8th.
At HYATT'S HOTEL, Odessa, Wednesday, January 9th.
At BENDLER'S HOTEL, Port Penn, Thursday, January 10th.
At W. J. ELIASON'S OFFICE, Mt. Pleasant, Saturday, January 12th.

☞ Persons liable to pay Taxes are hereby notified that in case of default, the Collector will proceed to collect such taxes by due process of Law.

JAMES GRAY,
Collector of St. Georges Hundred.
December 14th, 1883-3t

Final Notice to Tax-Payers

—OF—

APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED.

NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of the requirements of the Act of Assembly in this behalf, passed at Dover, Delaware, April 10th, 1873, the undersigned will attend at the following named places, on the days named, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 3 P. M., for the purpose of collecting all taxes that are unpaid:

BLACKBIRD STATION, Friday, January 4th, 1884.
At GEO. M. D. HART & CO'S OFFICE, Townsend, Saturday, January 5th, 1884.
VANDYKE'S STATION, Tuesday, January 8th, 1884.
At SILCOX'S HOTEL, Fileldsboro, Saturday, January 12th, 1884.
At WILSON'S CORNER, Tuesday, January 15th, 1884.

Persons liable to pay taxes are hereby notified that in case of default, the Collector will proceed to collect such taxes by due process of law.

R. L. NAUDAIN,
Collector of Appoquinimink Hd.
P. O.—Middletown, Del.
December 14th, 1884-4t

ALL FOR NOTHING.

Why the Doctor was Disgusted, and what Might have been Done without Him.

"Well, wife," said Dr. E——, as he entered his house, which was situated in a cosy village in central New York, "I have got back from a long and dreary ride away down among the mountains, and all to no purpose whatever. The messenger said the man wouldn't live till morning, when the fact is he had only an ordinary attack of colic. If the simpletons had only had sense enough to put a BENSON'S CAPCINE POROUS PLASTER on his stomach he would have been all right in an hour or two. But some folks are slow to learn," added the old physician, swallowing the cup of steaming tea which his wife had just poured for him.

Doctor E——was right, yet people do learn, even though slowly. The rapidly increasing use of Benson's plaster proves this beyond question, and the good doctors are certain to be saved much of their needless toil. In all diseases capable of being affected by a plaster Benson's act efficiently and at once. The genuine have the word CAPCINE cut in the centre. Price 25 cents.

Seabury & Johnson, Chemists, New York.

Public Sales.

Public Sale!

The subscriber will sell at Public Sale, at the residence of the late Richard F Hanson, on the Levels, four miles southwest of Middletown, and one mile east of Warwick, Md.,

On THURSDAY, January 3, 1884,

At 10 o'clock, A. M., *Sharp,*

The following Personal Property, to wit:

7 HEAD OF HORSES:

No 1.—Bay Mare "Yella," 6 years old, fine style, good worker and driver, with foal.
No. 2.—Roan Mare, "Fancy," coming 7 yrs. old, good driver and worker.
No. 3.—Dark Bay Horse, "Troubadour," ten years old, fine style, a first-class road horse and a No. 1 worker.
No. 4.—"Bertie," Dark Brown Mare, 6 years old, handsome as a picture, kind and gentle in all harness, and a first-class Saddle Horse for either lady or gent; as a roadster, has few equals.
No. 5.—"Eta," large Bay Mare, coming 8 years old, with foal. This was the late Mr. Hanson's driving horse, and is known by the community, and needs no recommendation as a driver or worker, and is also a No. 1 Saddle Horse for lady or gent.
No. 6.—"Dot," yellow Horse, coming 7 yrs. old, good driver and worker and a splendid riding horse for lady.
No. 7.—Black Mare, "Mag," 14 years old, a good worker.

Seven head good Milch Cows,

Some of which will soon be in profit.
1 Yearling BULL, Alderney Stock.
ONE YOKE OF OXEN,
seven years old, superior workers, and are said to be by all who know them as fine a pair of work cattle as any in the State.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS:

One good Champion Self-binding Reaper, new last harvest. This we know to be a No. 1 Reaper. 1 good Horse Rake, 1 good Ironaxle Farm Wagon, 2 Ox-carts, 1 good Roller, 1 Fan, 1 Corn Sheller, 1 Horse Rake, 1 Peach Dearborn, 1 Family Carriage, 1 York Carriage, 1 set Carriage Harness, Plow Harness, Wagon Harness, Collars, Bridles, Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, Hoes, Rakes, Forks, Axes, Corn Knives, Hedge Knives, &c., &c.

A LOT OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS, consisting of Beds, Bedding, Bureaus, Chairs, Tables, Dishes, Stoves, Carpets, &c., &c.

WHEAT.—One-half interest in 70 Acres Wheat in the ground.

CONDITIONS OF SALE:

Sums of $20 and under, Cash; over that amount a credit of ten months will be given, by purchaser giving bankable note with approved endorser, interest added.

☞ No goods to be removed until conditions of sale are complied with.

SARAH A. HANSON,
E. E. COCHRAN,
Administrators.
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EXECUTOR'S SALE

—OF—

A LARGE AND

Valuable Farm

IN CECIL COUNTY, MD.

By virtue of the power and authority contained in the last Will and Testament of Benjamin F. Sluyter, late of Cecil county, Maryland, deceased (which Will is of record in the office of the Register of Wills of said county), and of an order of the Orphans' Court of said county, the undersigned will expose at Public Sale, at the Court House, in Elkton, Maryland,

On MONDAY, January 21st, 1884,

At 11 o'clock, A. M., all that

Farm or Tract of Land

whereof the said Benjamin F. Sluyter died seized, lying on Bohemia Manor, in Cecil county aforesaid, between the village of Saint Augustine and the Bohemia river, and bounded on the one side by what are known as the Kibler, Murphy and Peach farms, and on the other by the Foard, Wirt and Johnson farms.

This Farm is about three and a half miles from Chesapeake City, and is in a healthy and prosperous neighborhood, and convenient to churches, schools, &c. It contains—by a survey just made—

638 ACRES!

more or less, of which about 400 acres are cleared and in cultivation, and the residue, except a small portion which is marsh land, is covered with a thrifty growth of TIMBER and wood, consisting among other varieties of Hickory, Oak, Chestnut, Cedar, Locust, Walnut, Pine, &c. Nearly all the wood land can, if desired, be readily cleared and brought into profitable cultivation.

Nearly all the cleared land is of the best natural quality; has been considerably improved by artificial and other manures, and is very productive.

☞ THE PEACH ORCHARD CONTAINS ABOUT 6,000 TREES,

in full bearing. The fencing is good, and there is growing upon the place a large amount of fencing material. There is also upon the farm a good LANDING, at which the products of the farm can be shipped or lime received.

THE IMPROVEMENTS CONSIST OF A

Two-story Brick House,

36 by 20 feet, with STONE KITCHEN, 28 by 20 feet; STONE MEAT HOUSE, 16 by 12 feet; GRANARY, 40 by 34 feet; STABLE, 34 by 26 feet; HAY HOUSE, 67 by 20 feet, and CARRIAGE HOUSE, 18 by 16 feet. All these buildings are in good or fair condition.

The public road to Murphey's Mill divides the farm into two parts. That north of the road contains 402 acres, and the other 236 acres. The farm will probably be offered as a whole, and in two parcels, and sold in whichever way the undersigned may deem most advantageous.

☞ The lease of the present tenant will not expire until March 25, 1885; but the purchaser will be entitled to all the landlord's rights under said lease from and after the day of sale.

THE TERMS OF SALE, prescribed by the order of the Orphans' Court, are: $5,000 to be paid in cash on the day of sale; $11,500 on October 10th, 1884; and the residue in two years from the day of sale. The credit payments to draw interest from the day of sale, and to be secured by the bonds or notes of the purchaser, with a surety or sureties to be approved by the undersigned. Or the whole purchase money, except the installment of $11,500, may, at the purchaser's option, be paid in cash on the day of sale.

Cost of conveyancing to be paid by purchaser.

JAMES B. GROOME,
Executor of Benj. F. Sluyter, deceased.
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LOST—$15 REWARD.

ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON, December 14th, on the road between Mt. Pleasant and Town Point, A. BROWN SATCHEL; also, TWO BUNDLES, strapped with Shawl Strap. The Reward will be paid by leaving the Articles with, or addressing D. W. COLPITTS, Mt. Pleasant R. R. Station, or at the Store of J. J. WILLIAMS, St Augustine.
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NOTICE!

The Annual Meeting of the Cantwell Mutual Insurance Company will be held at the Hotel of F. W. HYATT, Esq., Odessa, Delaware,

On MONDAY, January 7th, 1884,

At which time SEVEN (7) DIRECTORS will be elected to serve during the ensuing year.

☞ A Premium of six (6) per cent. will be required to be paid on the Deposit Notes.

ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS will take place between the hours of 11 A. M. and 12 M.

The Board of Directors, at its meeting today, declared a Dividend of (6) per cent. on balances standing to the credit of members, payable January 7th, 1884. They also passed the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That all policy holders having wheat or oats insured in granary have said insurance extended to grain, either in stackyard or barrack, by increasing their Deposit Notes two (2) per cent. on the amount at risk.

JOHN C. CORBIT, *President,*
JOSEPH G. BROWN, *Secretary.*
ODESSA, DEL., Dec. 19, 1883. dec.21-3t

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15000 YARDS OF CARPETS!

Our Carpet trade has so increased that we have been compelled to enlarge our Carpet Department. We have now a beautiful Carpet Room, filled with the best MAKES and DESIGNS the market can produce. Our stock consists of Tapestries, Body Brussels (with borders to match), Ingrains, Persian Damasks, Rags and Hemps, all of which we make and lay in the best manner when desired. We have also a line of Floor Oil Cloths, Coco Mattings, Rugs, Mats, Stair Pads, Stair Rods, Carpet Felting, Window Shadings, &c.

Remember, you have fifteen thousand yards of Carpets to select from, therefore come where you can get just what you want.

CLOTHING!

Since the completion of the annex our sales of Clothing have increased three-fold, and there is no re

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 28, 1883.

THE EDITOR AND HIS DAUGHTER.

Unto her pa, with face serene,
Said one of Gotham's farest daughters:
"What does this old expression mean—
This 'casting bread upon the waters?'"
Her father with a soft caress,
Replied with earnestness surprising:
"My dear, 'tis nothing more nor less
Than most judicious advertising."
—*New York Journal.*

CHIPS.

"Hacked to death" is suggested as an inscription for the tombstones of visitors who die at Niagara.—*Oil City Blizzard.*

Some men are born poor, some have poverty thrust upon them, while others are professional humorists.—*Yonkers Statesman.*

A fire in an uptown residence was caused by a parlor match. This is nothing new. Many a blaze of fury has been kindled by a parlor match and resulted in a divorce suit.—*New York Morning Journal.*

General Howard proposes that the soldier deserter be branded, when caught, with the letter "D." The Generals will continue to be brandied—on the nose—whether they desert or not.—*Marathon Independent.*

A Southern Dakota man recently promised his dying wife that he would meet her in Heaven. When the fact became known that the man was an editor, the joke was regarded as too good to keep.—*Bismarck Tribune.*

A Washington lawyer of eighty, having secured the acquittal of a murderess on the ground that she was crazy, has just married her—probably in order to convince the public that his theory was correct.—*Rochester Post-Express.*

Disraeli said a short time before his death, "You cannot convert fifteen thousand tons into twenty thousand tons." This will cause ice-dealers to smile until the corners of their mouths get all tangled up on the back of their necks.—*Bismark Tribune.*

"The whole art of music," says a writer, "consists of taking up a subject and pursuing it." If that is the case, six young men who took up the trail of a cornet-player and pursued him into a cranberry swamp in the north part of the town, had the correct idea of the matter.—*Burlington Free Press.*

"Sonny, is your mother at home?" asked the minister, addressing the little boy who was standing at the door. "Yes, she's at home," was the reply, "but I guess she doesn't want to see you. I heard her just tell pa that she hated fools, and that she never saw a man yet who wasn't a fool."—*Philadelphia Chronicle.*

A letter was recently received by a Massachusetts newspaper addressed to the "Paregoric editor." It was thought to be intended for the paragraphic editor, but one of the staff, who had just been made the happy father of a beautiful baby, said he guessed it was for him, and it was handed over to him. —*Somerville Journal.*

"I know," said a little Chicago girl to her elder sister's young man, at the supper-table, "that you will join our society for the protection of little birds, because mamma says you are very fond of larks." The youth promptly handed over a five dollar note as an initiation fee, and thinks in due time he will be a full-fledged ornothological humanitarian.—*Chicago Telegram.*

A "Penguinnery."

In each nest sits one young, half-fledged bird, as the "Jack-ass" penguin lays and hatches but a single egg. Many of the nests have old birds standing beside them, each occupied in feeding its solitary chick, duckling, gosling, or whatever the penguin offspring may be properly called. This being of itself a curious spectacle, the disappointed egg-hunters stop awhile to witness it for they are still outside the bounds of the "penguinnery," and the birds have as yet taken no notice of them. By each nest is a little mound, on which the mother stands perched, from time to time projecting her head outward and upward, at the same time giving forth a queer chattering noise, half-quack, half bray, with the air of a stump orator haranguing an open-air audience. Meanwhile, the youngster stands patiently waiting below, evidently with a foreknowledge of what is to come. Then, after a few seconds of the quacking and braying, the mother suddenly ducks her head, with the mandibles of her beak wide agape, between which the fledgeling thrusts its head, almost out of sight, and so keeps it for more than a minute. Finally withdrawing it, up again goes the head of the mother, with neck craned out, and oscillating from side to side in a second spell of speech-making. These curious actions are repeated several times, the entire performance lasting for a period of nearly a quarter of an hour. When it ends, possibly from the food-supply having become exhausted, the mother-bird leaves the little glutton to itself and scuttles off seaward, to replenish her throat-larder with a fresh stock of molluscs.—*From "The Land of Fire" (Tierra del Fuego), by Captain Mayne Reid, in St. Nicholas for January.*

A FIREMAN'S FORTUNE.—The *San Francisco (Cal.) Chronicle*, in an article on the Fire Departments of San Francisco, gives the following from Asst. Chief Engineer Matthew Brady: "I have been subject to an aggravating pain in my chest for over four years. I resorted to various modes of treatment to obtain relief. I have had my chest terribly blistered. No physician could tell what was the matter with me. Two weeks ago I commenced using St Jacobs Oil. It has cured me."

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THE best cure for diseases of the nerves, brain, and muscles, is Brown's Iron Bitters.

MARION, MASS.—Dr. N. S. Ruggles says: "I recommend Brown's Iron Bitters as a valued tonic for enriching the blood and removing all dyspeptic symptoms. It does not hurt the teeth."

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SPINAL MENINGITIS.

BY BILL NYE.

So many people have shown a pardonable curiosity about the above named disease and so few have a very clear idea of the thrill of pleasure it affords the patient, unless they have enjoyed it themselves, that I have decided to briefly say something in answer to the innumerable inquiries I have received.

Up to the moment I had a notion of getting some meningitis, I had never employed a physician. Since then I have been thrown in their society a great deal. Most of them are very pleasant and scholarly gentlemen, who will not soon be forgotten: but one of them, whom we will call Dysart, to distinguish from the rest, doctored me first for pneumonia, then for inflammatory rheumatism, and finally, when death was contiguous, advised me that I must have change of scene and rest.

I told him that if he kept on prescribing for me I thought I might depend on both. Change of physicians, however, saved my life. Dysart, the horse doctor, a few weeks afterward, administered a subcutaneous morphine squirt in the arm of a healthy servant girl, because she had the headache, and she is now with the rest of this vetrinarian's patients in a land that is fairer than this.

She lived six hours after she was prescribed for. He gave her change of scene and rest. He has quite a thriving little cemetery filled with the people who have succeeded in cording up enough of his change of scene and rest to last them through all eternity. He was called once to prescribe for a man whose head had been caved in by a stone match-box, and after treating the man for asthma and blind staggers, he prescribed rest and change of scene for him, too. The poor asthmatic is now breathing the extremely rarified air of the New Jerusalem.

Meningitis is derived from the Latin *Meninges*, membrane, and—*itis*, an affix denoting inflammation, so that, strictly speaking, meningitis is the inflammation of a membrane, and when applied to the spine, or cerebrum, is called spinal meningitis, or cerebro-spinal meningitis, &c., according to the part of the spine or brain involved in the inflammation. Meningitis is a characteristic and result of so-called spotted fever, and by many it is deemed identical with it.

When we come to consider that the spinal cord or marrow runs down through the long bony shaft made by the vertebræ, and that the brain and spine, though connected, are bound up in one continuous bony wall and covered with this inflamed membrane, it is not difficult to understand that the thing is very hard to get at. If your throat gets inflamed, a doctor asks you to run your tongue out into society about a yard and a half, and he pries your mouth open with one of Rogers Brothers' spoon handles. Then he is able to examine your throat as he would a page of the Congressional Record, and to treat it with some local application. When you have spinal meningitis, however, the doctor tackles you with bromides, ergots, ammonia, iodine, chloral hydrate, codi, bromine of ammonia, hasheesh, bismuth, valerianate of ammonia, morphine sulph, nux vomica, turpentine emulsion, vox humana, rex magnus, opium, cantharides, Dover's powders, and other bric-a-brac. These remedies are masticated and acted upon by the salivary glands, passed down the æsophegas, thrown into the society of old gastric, submitted to the peculiar motion of the stomach and thoroughly chymified, then forwarded through the pyloric orfice into the smaller intestines, where they are touched up with bile, and later on handed over through the lacteals, thoracic duct, &c., to the vast circulatory system. Here it is yanked back and forth through the heart, lungs and capillaries, and if anything is left to fork over to the disease, it has to squeeze into the long, bony, air-tight socket that holds the spinal cord. All this is done without seeing the patient's spinal cord before or after taking. If it could be taken out and hung over a clothes-line and cleansed with benzine and then treated with insect powder, or rolled in corn-meal, or preserved in alcohol and then put back, it would be all right; but you can't. You pull a man's spine out of his system and he is bound to miss it, no matter how careful you have been about it. It is difficult to keep house without the spine. You need it every time you cook a meal. If the spinal cord could be pulled by a dentist and put away in pounded ice every time it gets a hot-box, spinal meningits would lose its stinger.

I was treated by thirteen physicians, whose names I may give in a future article. They were, as I said, men I shall long remember. One of them said very sensibly, that meningitis was generally over-doctored. I told him that I agreed with him. I said that if I should have another year of meningitis and thirteen more doctors, I would have to postpone my trip to Europe, where I had hoped to go and cultivate my voice. I've got a perfectly lovely voice if I could take it to Europe and have it sand-papered and varnished and mellowed down with beer and bologna.

But I was speaking of my physicians. Some time I'm going to give their biographies and portraits, as they did those of Dr. Bliss, Dr. Barnes, and others. Next year, if I can get railroad rates, I am going to hold a reunion of my physicians at Chicago. It will be a pleasant relaxation for them, and will save the lives of a large percentage of their patients.—*Chicago Eye.*

He came into our sanctum last Tuesday morning with a beautiful Christmas poem. He was dressed in seedy black, wore a plug hat, had a mole on his chin and stammered in his speech. If this description meets the eyes of any of his friends, we hope they will send for his remains.—*Fall River Advance.*

IT was a wise one that said: "Every man is occasionally what he ought to be perpetually." That must be when he is honest enough to acknowledge the merits of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, the only sure cure for coughs and colds.

Origin of the Potato.

The potato, originally a South American plant, was introduced to Virginia by Sir John Harvey in 1629, though it was unknown in some counties of England a hundred and fifty years later. In Pennsylvania, potatoes are mentioned very soon after the advent of the Quakers; they were not among New York products in 1695, but in 1775 we are told of eleven thousand bushels grown on one sixteen-acre patch in this province. Potatoes were served, perhaps as an exotic rarity, at a Harvard installation dinner in 1707; but the plant was only brought into culture in New England at the arrival of the Presbyterian immigrants from Ireland in 1718. Five bushels were accounted a large crop of potatoes for a Connecticut farmer; for it was held that, if a man ate them every day, he could not live beyond seven years.—*From "Husbandry in Colony Times," in the January Century.*

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The startling information that the Empress of Austria is affected with sciatica, has been received at this office. We would advise a delegation of congressmen to call on the president and see if the government can not be induced to take appropriate action in the matter.—*Arkansaw Traveler.*

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		NORTHWARD.		
Delmar,			9.05	2.20
Laurel,			9.17	2.33
Seaford,			9.30	2.47
Bridgeville,			9.44	3.01
Greenwood,			9.53	3.11
Farmington,			10.01	3.19
Harrington,		8.10	10.12	3.32
Felton,		8.20	10.23	3.42
Canterbury,		8.24	10.27	3.47
Woodside,		8.28	10.31	3.52
Wyoming,	6.54	8.34	10.38	3.59
Dover,	7.01	8.42	10.45	4.06
Moorton,	7.11		10.55	4.16
Brenford,	7.18		11.01	4.23
Smyrna, *Leave.*	7.14	8.53	10.58	4.20
Clayton,	7.24	9.03	11.08	4.31
Green Spring,	7.29	"	11.12	4.36
Blackbird,	7.37		11.20	4.44
Townsend,	7.42	9.15	11.25	4.50
Middletown,	7.55	9.22	11.42	5.06
Mt. Pleasant,	8.03		11.51	5.15
Kirkwood,	8.12		12.01	5.25
Porter's,	8.17		12.06	5.28
Bear,	8.22		12.11	5.37
State Road,	8.25		12.14	5.40
New Castle,	8.53	9.48	12.21	5.49
Delaware Junct.				
Wilmington,	8.50	10.00	12.40	6.05
Baltimore,	12.25	12.25	3.20	8.32
Philadelphia,	9.52	10.52	1.40	7.05
	PASS. A.M.	PASS. A.M.	PASS. P.M.	PASS. P.M.
		SOUTHWARD.		
Philadelphia,	8.00	11.55	3.00	5.20
Baltimore,	7.00	9.30	12.10	4.10
Wilmington,	9.05	1.15	4.00	6.25
Delaware Jc.,				
New Castle,	9.19	1.30	4.11	6.44
State Road,	9.22	1.34		6.47
Bear,	9.29	1.39		6.54
Porter's,	9.34	1.44		6.59
Kirkwood,	9.42	1.49		7.03
Mt. Pleasant,	9.53	1.59		7.12
Middletown,	10.11	2.14	4.42	7.30
Townsend,	10.19	2.22	4.50	7.39
Blackbird,	10.24	2.26		7.44
Green Spring,	10.33	2.32		7.51
Clayton,	10.40	2.38	5.05	7.57
Ar. Smyrna	10.55	2.50	5.15	8.10
Brenford,	10.45	2.43		8.02
Moorton,	10.52	2.49		8.09
Dover,	11.07	2.59	5.22	8.20
Wyoming,	11.14	3.05	5.27	8.27
Woodside,	11.22	3.11	5.33	
Canterbury,	11.27	3.15	5.37	
Felton,	11.32	3.20	5.42	
Harrington,	11.44	3.32	5.50	
Farmington,	11.51	3.39		
Greenwood,	12.00	3.47		
Bridgeville,	12.09	3.56		
Seaford,	12.20	4.11		
Laurel,	12.31	4.24		
Delmar,	12.44	4.36		

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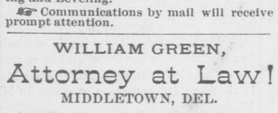

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Thursday, 6,	1 p.m. Friday,	7, 11 a.m.
Monday, 10,	5 " Tuesday,	11, 1 p.m.
Thursday, 13,	7½ " Friday,	14, 3½ "
Monday, 17,	12 M. Tuesday,	18, 7 "
Thursday, 20,	1½ p.m. Friday,	21, 10½ a.m.
MONDAY, 24,		TUESY, 25,
Thursday, 27,	6½ " Friday,	28, 3 p.m.

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